



# Health Regions Webinar Series

HSE and health service staff information and learning sessions

**“ Balancing Stability with Change”**  
*Creating conditions for integration*  
**1pm on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2024**



# Objectives

Update on Health Region implementation

Share reflections and learning from the lived experience of an integrated care team/ service

Identify key considerations for balancing stability with change while creating conditions for integration for individuals and teams / services

Panel Q&A with senior HSE leaders

Signpost key resources and supports

# HE Health Regions Vision



To deliver **person-centred** health and social care services that are **informed by the needs of the people and communities** in each region, better serving people at all stages throughout their lives



To **align** hospital- and community-based services in each region so that they can **work together** better and deliver joined-up, **co-ordinated care closer to home**



To **balance national standards** of care and direction with **local decision-making** to ensure people can access the **same quality of care** no matter where they live



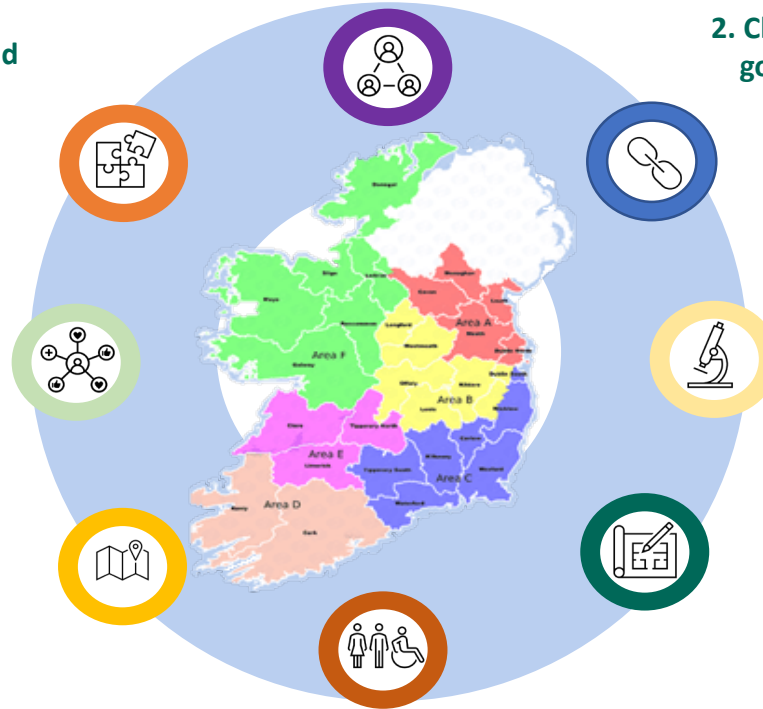
To **improve the health and well-being** of people in each region by ensuring that services are **planned around local needs**, people are **well-informed** and supported when accessing services, and resources are **fairly allocated and accounted for**



# HE Health Regions Strategic Objectives

1. Align and integrate hospital-based and community-based services to deliver joined-up, integrated care closer to home

3. Support a population-based approach to service planning and delivery which aims to address health inequalities



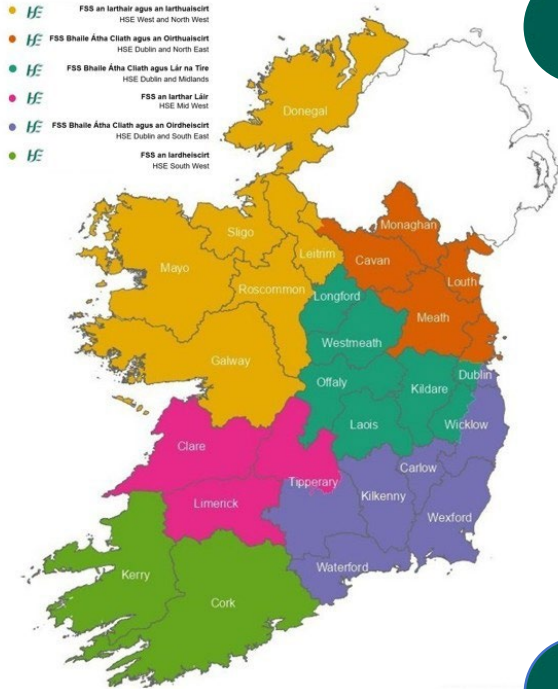
2. Clarify and strengthen corporate and clinical governance and accountability at all levels

4. Improve equitable regional investment and balance national consistency with appropriate local autonomy to maintain consistent quality of care across the country

5. Run an efficient, highly productive, and transparent health and social care service with aligned incentives to provide people with timely access to safe, high-quality and integrated care.

# What's Decided

We will still be a single HSE organisation with 6 health regions. Services will be integrated across hospitals and community in these health regions. Health Regions are not separate statutory bodies.



Health Regions will use the HSE logo and be under the governance of the HSE Board

Regional Health Forum structure to remain but will be aligned to Health Regions

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Health Region management structure will replace existing CHO and HG management structures

Operational focus to move from HSE Centre to the Health Regions and Integrated Healthcare Areas (IHAs). 20 IHAs have been agreed as geographic sub-components of the Health Regions. The IHAs will have responsibility for operational service delivery and driving integrated care for patients and service users.

HSE Centre will develop and oversee standards and guidelines for implementation at regional level. The focus of HSE Centre will be on planning, enabling, performance and assurance

The HSE Centre and Health Regions structures have been agreed



## HSE Sub-structures

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**HSE**

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**HEALTH  
REGIONS**

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**INTEGRATED  
HEALTHCARE  
AREAS**

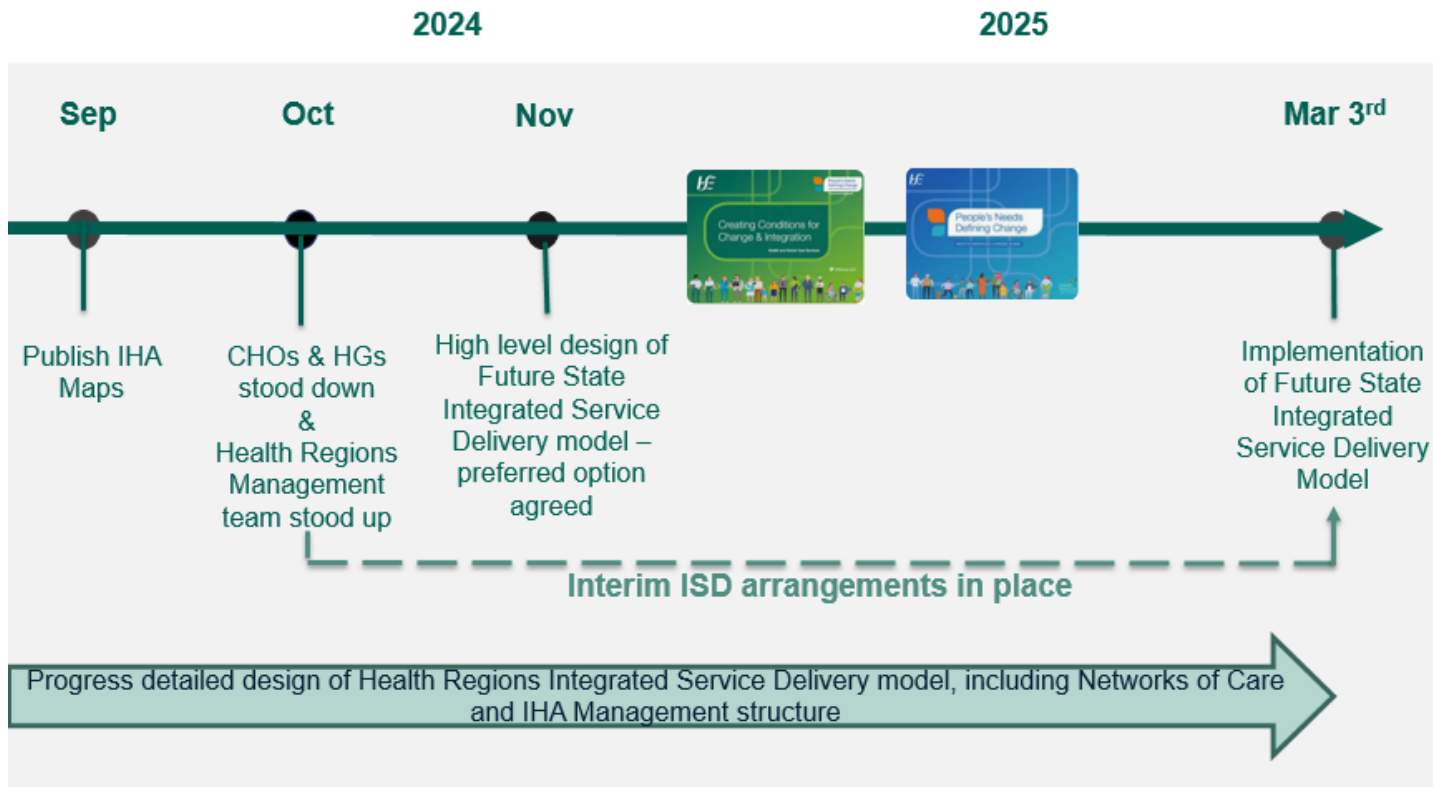
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**COMMUNITY  
HEALTH  
NETWORKS**





# Health Regions Programme – key upcoming milestones







# Learning from implementing change: reflections from rolling out the Integrated Care Programme for Chronic Disease

**Dr. Maria O' Brien, Service Improvement Lead , Integrated Care Programme for Chronic Disease**

**Gillian O' Loughlin, Operational lead Tallaght Chronic Disease team CST**

**Liz Murphy, CR Co-ordinator Wexford Chronic Disease CST**



**Dr Sarah O'Brien**  
National Clinical Advisor &  
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General Manager  
Integrated Care  
Programme for  
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Nurse Lead  
Integrated Care  
Programme for Chronic  
Disease



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Service Improvement  
Lead  
Integrated Care  
Programme for  
Chronic Disease



**Margaret Humphreys**  
Self Management  
Lead  
Integrated Care  
Programme for Chronic  
Disease

## National Clinical Programmes

### Diabetes NCP



**Prof Derek O'Keefe** Nat. Clinical Lead  
**Dr Michael Lockhart** Programme Manager  
**Dr Lisa Devine** ICGP Diabetes Lead

#### Discipline Leads

Joanne Lowe, Nurse Diabetes Lead  
Assumpta Coyle, Snr Diabetes Podiatrist  
Cathy Breen, Snr Diabetes Dietitian

### Cardiology NCP (National Heart Programme)



**Prof Ken McDonald** Nat. Clinical Lead  
**Regina Black** Programme Manager  
**Linda Drummond** Programme Manager/  
CHAIR Manager  
**Dr Eamon O'Shea** ICGP  
Cardiology Lead

#### Discipline Leads

Vacant, Nurse Cardiology Lead  
Vacant, Physiotherapist

### NCP Respiratory

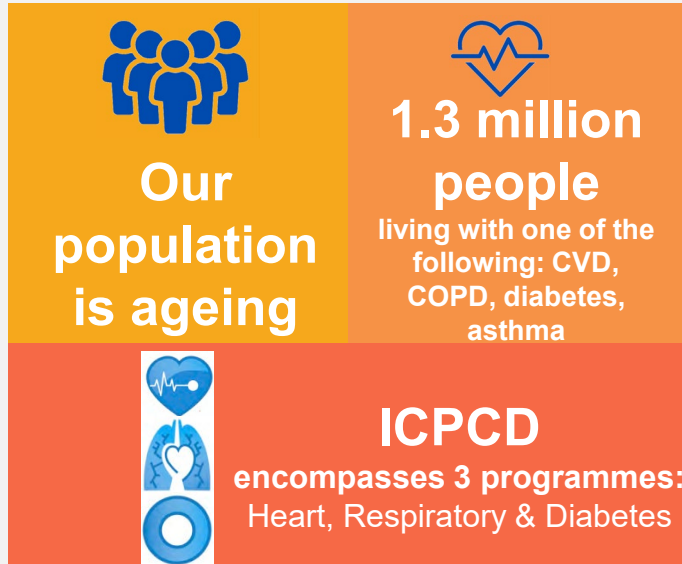


**Recruitment in progress** Clinical Lead  
**Susan Curtis** Programme Manager  
**Dr Shane McKeogh** ICGP Respiratory Lead

#### Discipline Leads

Vacant, Nurse Respiratory Lead  
Olga Riley, Respiratory Physiotherapist

# Integrated Care Programme for the Prevention & Management of Chronic Disease



The infographic is divided into three colored sections: a yellow top-left section, an orange top-right section, and a red bottom section. The yellow section features a blue icon of a group of people and the text 'Our population is ageing'. The orange section features a blue icon of a heart with a pulse line and the text '1.3 million people living with one of the following: CVD, COPD, diabetes, asthma'. The red section features a vertical stack of three blue icons (heart, lungs, and a circle) and the text 'ICPCD encompasses 3 programmes: Heart, Respiratory & Diabetes'.

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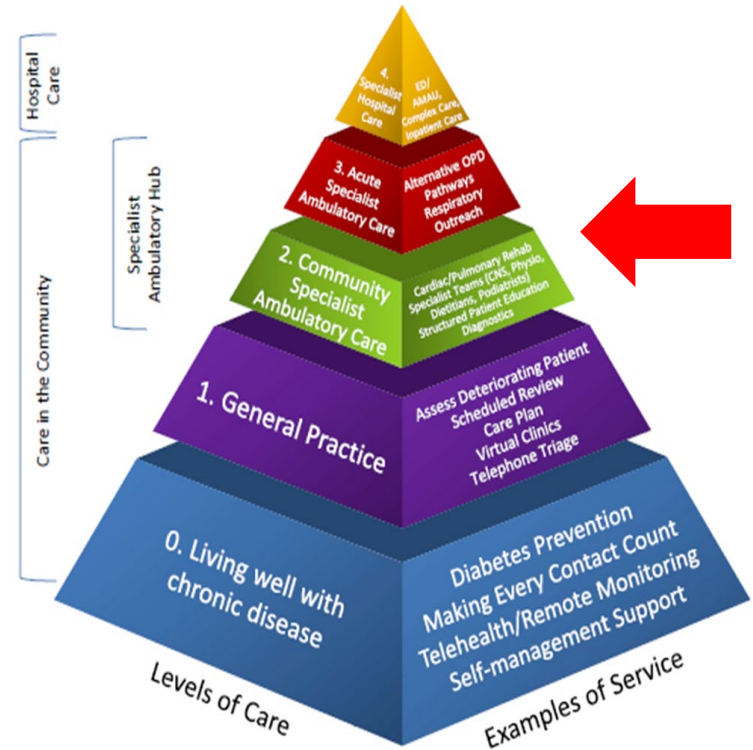
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## Objectives of the Integrated Care Programme for Chronic Disease (ICPCD)

- **Maximise prevention**
- **Enable people to optimise self-management of their condition(s)**
- **Support the provision of GP-led primary care**

# Model of Care for the Prevention & Management of Chronic Disease

- Five levels of care across community and hospital
- Enabling GP-led primary care
- Bulk of care provided in the community (Levels 0-3)
- Aim is to provide “end-to-end” care for individuals living with chronic disease and multimorbidity in the community
- 30 ambulatory care hubs each with a Chronic Disease Community Specialist Team (CST)
- Each CST serves a population of approx 150,000 and linked to a local hospital
- The purpose of the CST is to provide timely & equitable access to diagnostics & specialist MDT opinions
- Support the GP to provide holistic, person-centred care as close to home as possible



# Chronic disease Multidisciplinary team

- 30 teams (26 operational) of dedicated specialist multidisciplinary chronic disease staff have been resourced

## *Additional supports*

- 75 new Integrated Care Consultants who will work across hospital & community - New post working across acute hospital and community 50:50
- Additional nursing & HSCP acute posts
- Significant uplift in acute hospital staff
- Key role: Operational Lead

Staffing Per Hub	WTE Required
<b>DIABETES</b>	
CNS Diabetes	3
Clinical Specialist Podiatrist	1
Senior Grade Podiatrist	1
Basic Grade Podiatrist	1
Senior Dietitian	3
Staff Grade Dietitian (Weight Mgt/ DPP)	3
<b>CARDIOLOGY</b>	
CNS Cardiology	3
Senior Physiotherapist	1
Cardiac Rehab Co-ordinator	1
Staff Nurse Cardiology	1
Cardiac Rehabilitation Admin	0.5
Clinical Psychologist	0.2
<b>RESPIRATORY</b>	
CNS Respiratory	3
Senior Physiotherapist	3
CS Physio Rehabilitation Co-ordinator	1
CNS Rehabilitation	1
Staff Grade Physio Rehabilitation	1
Pulmonary Rehabilitation Admin	0.5
<b>Admin / Management</b>	
Operational Lead	1
Project Officer	1
Administration staff	2
<b>Total per hub</b>	<b>32.2</b>

# People and Culture Change platform

## Key changes

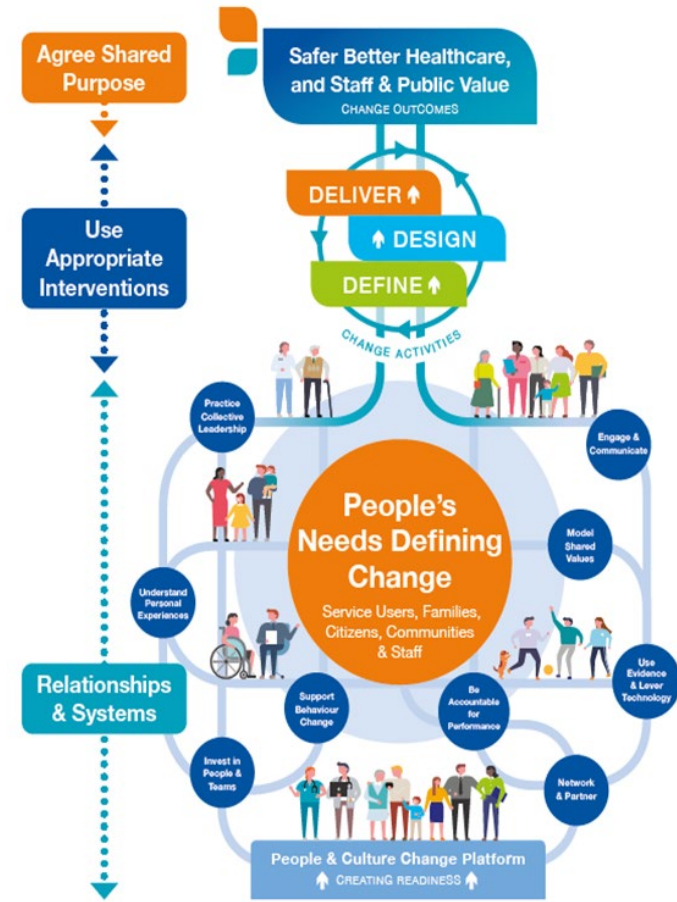
- Movement from hospital centric model to an integrated model of service deliver across acute and community
- Establishing new services - Creation of 30 CD Community specialist teams to create the full end to end integrated pathway
- Establishing new pathways and ways of working

## Key challenges of change

- Enablers which are required – ICT, recruitment, estates etc
- How to support this change from ICP CD Team
- How were we going to build commitment, shared purpose, develop relationships and influence the ways of working required to implement the ICP CD ?

## How ?

Team reflection to plan and design our approach to planning change –People and culture change platform key tool used



# How have we managed change and created stability

## 1. MoC – stability in terms of service provision –Shared vision

## 2. Engagement ongoing to create shared purpose and shared vision

- IC consultants each of the Clinical leads met regularly with new IC consultants coming on board
- Clinical Programmes engaged across sites with site visits to develop relationships with all team staff and ongoing engagement and provide ongoing clinical advice and guidance in terms of operationalising services
- Operational leads build relationships
  - ✓ Bi monthly formal engagements with myself/CM and each Op lead structured approach to operationalising services
  - ✓ Informal engagement support day to day
  - ✓ National operational leads meeting as a group

## 2. 3. Created a number of support resources – Referral guidelines, support documents available from ECC hub

## 4. Ongoing communication and engagement

- ✓ Monthly webinars and information sessions – recordings on ECC hub.
- ✓ Newsletters –
- ✓ Health Matters



# Key learning to create integrated care and build stability

## **Importance of continued/sustained engagement** with key influencers and decision makers

- Competing priorities
- Aligning with bigger context and changing context
- Shared vision – need to keep maintaining the emphasis on the shared vision
- Fostering relationships and connections

## **Engagement and networking**

- Constant – not a one time event – need to say it 100 times

## **Supporting peoples efforts** and address people's concerns

## **Build up the impact stories** - Shared learning and experiences

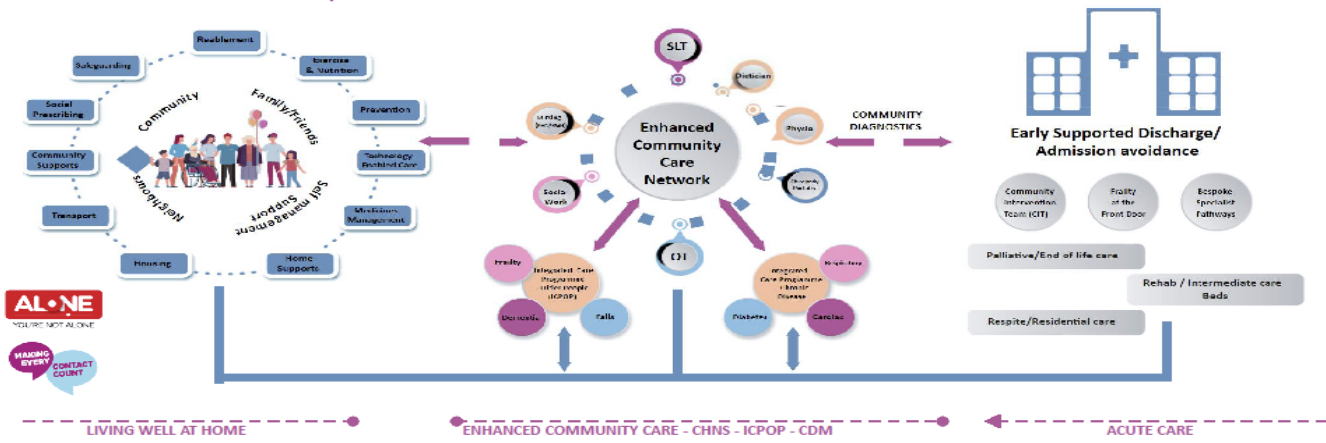
- Document good examples of where services have been implemented – Share
- Patient stories and testimonials – Impact on staff morale
- Use data to show the impact

**Celebrate the successes !!!**



# HE Enhanced Community Care – Home First

Shift left of Resources & Activity





# HOW WE DID IT: Chronic Disease Models of Care & Framework

## Wexford Integrated Cardiology Open Day, Valentine's Day 2024



## SOME OF OUR FEEDBACK FROM OUR FIRST 6 MONTHS:

What have you found most useful?

"The advice and reassurance provided by my nurse. Plus the background team input"

"I got seen quickly because of this clinic"

"The thorough explanation, and reassurance"

"My health has improved, I have no swelling in my legs now, not wheezing as much, I feel much better"

"Informative and helpful"

"The nurse was unbelievable, so kind, a lovely lady"

"It's nice to know that my blood pressure and heart rate are noted and if anything wrong I will receive a phone call for the check on me. It's a fantastic service. I feel relaxed and know I'm being well looked after"

"More understanding of my condition"

"Convenience of the location from home – only 10 mins away"

Understanding Your Programme

"The nurse specialist very helpful"

"Excellent service"

"The nurse and all people I met"

"Nurse Specialist was very helpful"



# Balancing Stability with Change

## Key considerations for working towards integration

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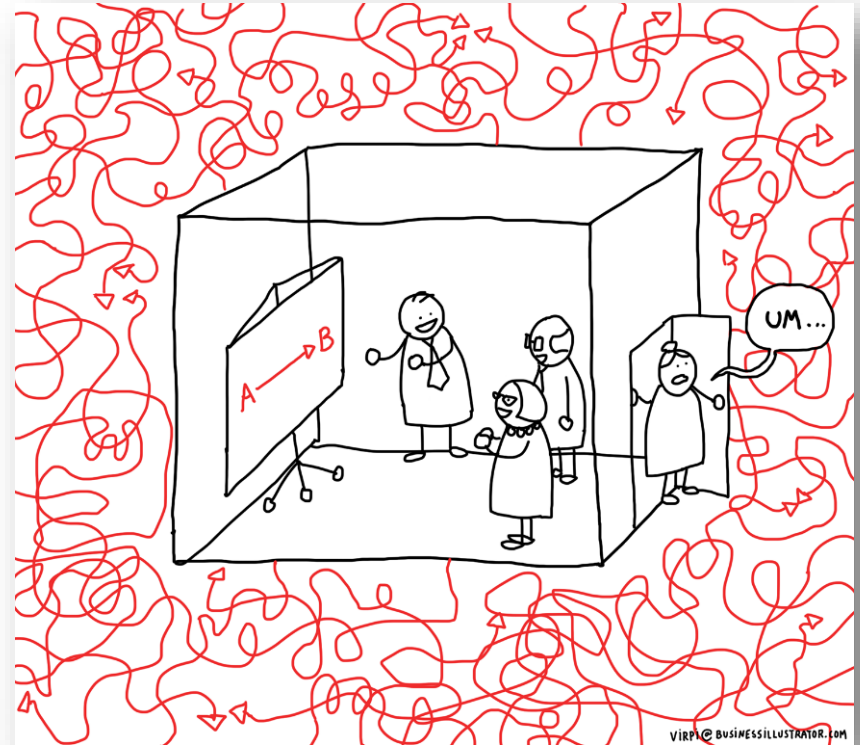
**Caitriona Heslin**  
Organisation Development & Design



# Change is complex & messy – need stability

## Change is constant

- **Change is complex** – sense of uncertainty, disruption, feels ‘messy’
- **Creating stability** while navigating the transition to new structures and ways of working
- **Local teams** provide sense of stability and understanding of what will work in their context
- **Understand** what is changing and why



# How can we focus on stability?

People do their best at work when:

- Their environment is predictable
- The point of their efforts is readily apparent to them
- They have some sense of control over their immediate surroundings
- They are part of a stable set of relationships
- They feel connected to place and ritual

This challenges us during constant change.....



Source: <https://hbr.org/2024/07/creating-stability-is-just-as-important-as-managing-change>

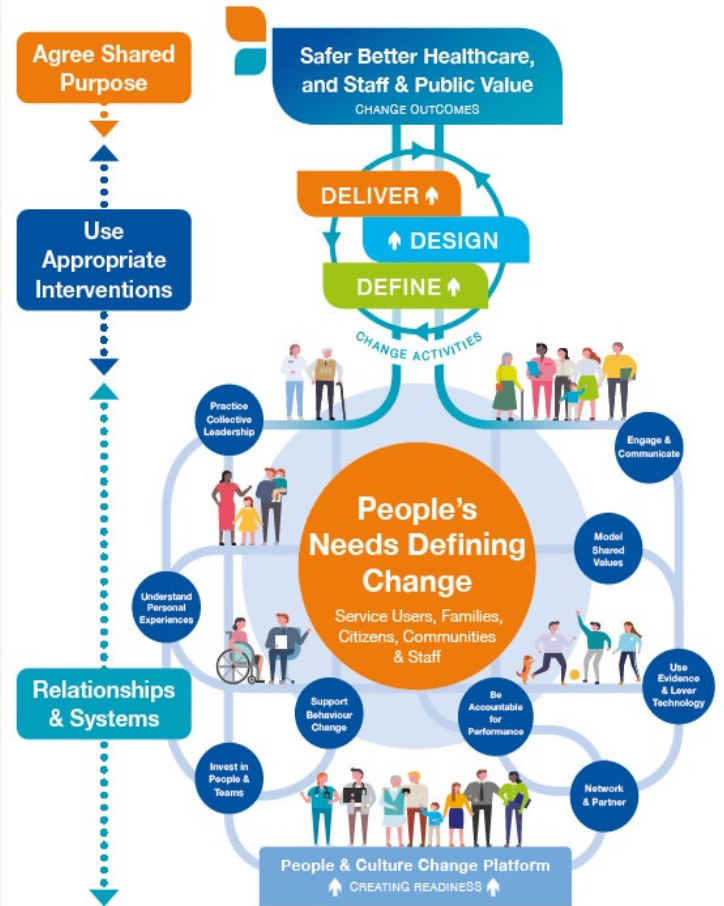




# Complex systems need simple rules

Simple rules can help create conditions for change

1. Agreed shared purpose
2. Focus on relationships & networks
3. Use appropriate interventions



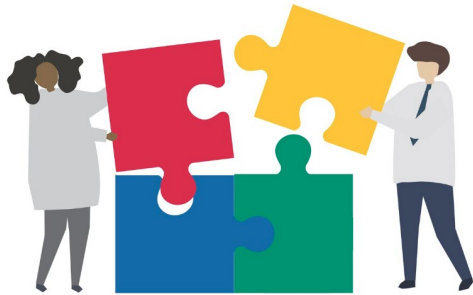
# Focus on Local Teams

## Local teams – source of stability

- Understand what is expected – individual contribution
- Team as a whole - support each other - shared agenda
- Connect with their organisation – collective good

## Help people to see

- What will remain constant
- How they will continue to add value
- What is going to change - communicate the reality



Encourage conversations on how teams can contribute to the change



# Get the whole system in the room

“Collaboration as Usual”	Collaborative Innovation Approach
Begin with what everyone can agree to	Start with a powerful goal
“Open Door” Policy	Be highly selective in choosing participants
Get the “decision-makers” in the room	Get the whole systems in the room
Work, and then present work to stakeholders	Work in real time (with everyone in the room)
Keep pushing for alignment and pushing back resistance	Leverage the underlying political and cultural tensions
Focus on programmes that the decision-makers believe will be most effective	Build empathy and insights about what people are really experiencing
Just give people the info they need to fulfil their role	Build a collective view of the whole system
Conduct research and data analysis to present it	Make sense of the system together
Only make the solution after you’ve made the decisions	Prototype early and often
	<a href="https://www.wearecocreative.com/post/2018/04/01/its-not-collaboration-as-usual">https://www.wearecocreative.com/post/2018/04/01/its-not-collaboration-as-usual</a> Russ Gaskin Apr 2, 2018





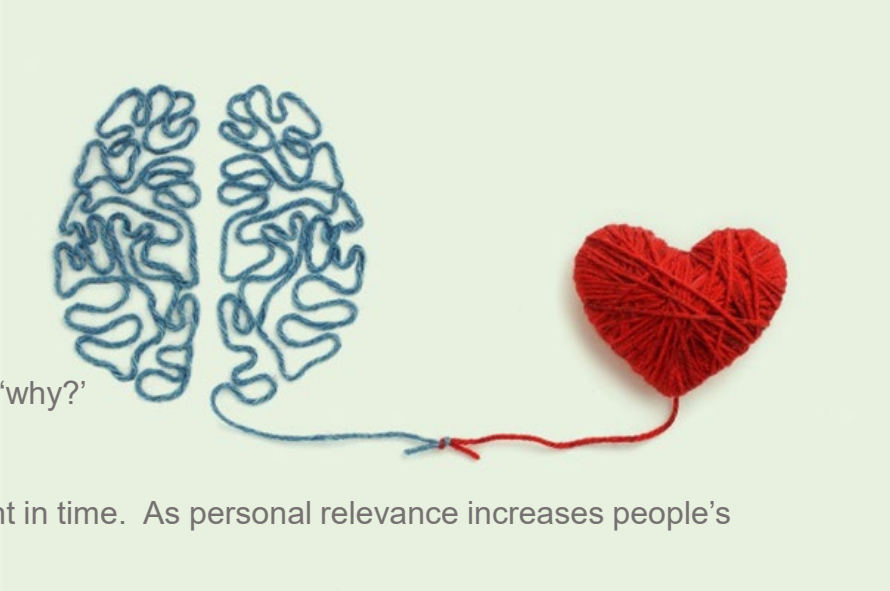
# Use appropriate interventions

## What can you do to progress integration?

- ✓ Build on developments within your service or team:
  - ✓ Develop increased understanding of **what's needed** to deliver integrated services
  - ✓ What will deliver better outcomes in your local **context**
  - ✓ What needs to be **adapted or changed** in a **new operating context**?
- ✓ Take a **collaborative approach** with colleagues and **align efforts**
- ✓ Attend to **personal transitions** and the impact of the **change for individuals and teams.**



# Personal and Team Transitions



## What actions can you take?

- ✓ How well do people understand the **rationale** for the change – the ‘why?’
- ✓ Think about the **relevance** of the change for individuals at that point in time. As personal relevance increases people’s level of interest in the change will also increase.
- ✓ Try **putting yourself in their shoes** and consider what the change must feel like for them.
- ✓ Consider the **opportunities the change can bring** – what are the benefits? What are the real challenges?
- ✓ Keep the **focus on improved outcomes for the people you serve** and **for your team**.

[People’s Needs Defining Change – Health Services Change Guide \(2018:59\)](#)



## Adapt to emerging issues during change

- ✓ Be flexible – learn how to adapt to the unpredictable
- ✓ Balance day-to-day needs with implementing change
- ✓ Learn from experiences locally - what is working well?
- ✓ Keep prototyping / testing – share the learning
- ✓ Keep focused on your shared purpose
- ✓ Keep engaging – building relationships

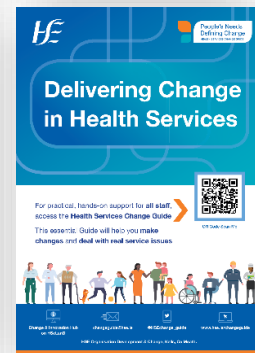
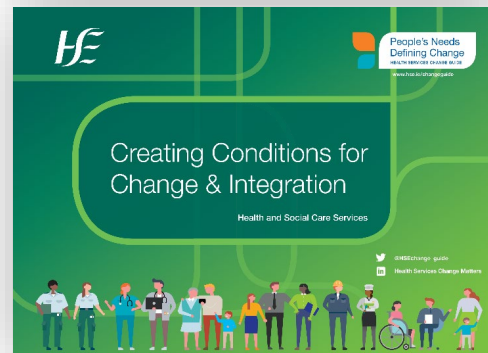
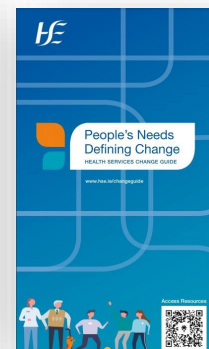
Change Guide pg. 95





# Resources to deliver Change & Improvement

Online and in your hands





# Poll: What do you think is the most important factor for creating stability during times of disruption?





**Thank you!**



## People's Needs Defining Change

HEALTH SERVICES CHANGE GUIDE



### Health Services Change Guide



# Access Organisation Development & Change Practitioners

## Providing individual and team supports

The **Health Services Change Guide** is a step-by-step guide to help you deliver good change. The following resources will help you translate theory into practice, enabling people and culture change.



### Change Guide in Action

Interactive workshop based on people's experiences of using the Change Guide in practice

For more information click here



### Change Consultation Clinic

One-to-one scheduled clinic with OD & Change Practitioner responding to needs promptly

For more information click here



### Change Mentoring

Agreed number of sessions with OD & Change Practitioner with a systems change focus

For more information click here



### Change & Innovation Practice Programmes

Bespoke design and adapted to your needs

For more information click here





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# Access Digital and Self-Directed Learning

## Building your capacity to deliver change

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### Delivering Change in Health Services

eLearning Programme

Build your knowledge & confidence

[» Click here for more information](#)



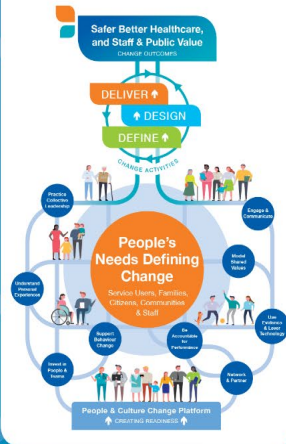
### Reflect Recover Renew

Support teams to make sense of rapid emergent change

[» Click here for more information](#)



### Health Services Change Guide



### CPD Certificate

(12 points)

Delivering Change in Health Services

Develop while improving your service

[» Click here for more information](#)



### Change & Innovation Hub

Access current thinking and best practice, including case studies

[» Click here for more information](#)







**Some additional slides that  
may be helpful to you....**

# Nine Pillars of Integrated Care



**International Federation of Integrated Care – IFIC**

# System Leadership for Integration

1. **Self:** The skills of **collaborative leadership** to enable trust-building, learning and empowered action among stakeholders who share a common purpose
2. **Community:** The tactics of **coalition building and advocacy** to develop alignment and mobilize action among stakeholders in the system, both within and between organizations
3. **System:** An understanding of the **complex systems** shaping the challenge to be addressed

## THE KEY ELEMENTS OF SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP

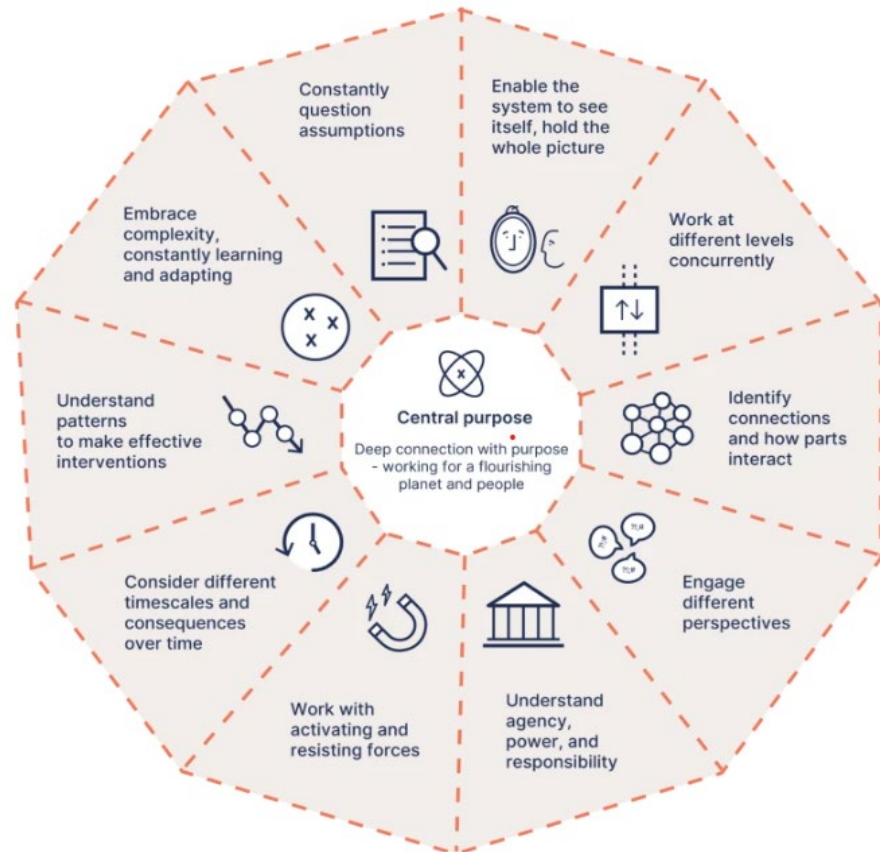


Source: *Systems Leadership for Sustainable Development: Taking Action on Complex Challenges through the Power of Networks*. Lisa Dreier, David Nabarro and Jane Nelson. Harvard Kennedy School, 2019.

# Key Systems Considerations

- See the whole picture
- Change happening at different levels
- Connections & interdependency
- Different perspectives
- Power – subsidiarity
- Resistance and enablers
- Pace and time
- Patterns – where to place our energy
- Learning is change – adapting as we go
- Question assumptions – does it always need to be this way....?

Source: School of System Change (accessed 2024)



# Assess and address readiness

- ✓ **Readiness for change** is directly linked to the nature of the **relationships between people, teams, services and partner organisations** – the **culture and subcultures** within your service

[Understanding Core Human Needs Template](#)





## Managing Personal Transitions – making the most of change

### 1. ENDING, LETTING GO

Help people deal with their loss by...

- Identify who is losing what
- Acknowledge the reality of people's losses
- Accept signs of loss and grieving
- Give people information regularly
- Define what's changed and what stays the same
- Treat the past with respect
- Mark endings
- Focus on the continuity of what really matters



### 2. NEUTRAL ZONE

Critical personal adjustment and re-patterning happens here...

- Key signs to look for:
  - Low motivation and anxiety
  - Self-interest and resentment
  - Polarised thinking
- This is also a creative time
- Provide support for innovation and discovery
  - Embrace losses, setbacks and failures as starting points to new ways of working
  - Give people time and resist the push for early closure
- Set short-term goals
- Strengthen connections between groups
- Communication is key... personal stories are particularly useful



### 3. THE NEW BEGINNING

Time for new identities, new energy and a new sense of purpose

- Timing of 'roll out' is key
- Focus on shared purpose
- Create the picture to bring it to life
- Make sure Action Plan is clear
- Agree ways people can continue to contribute and participate
- Reinforce the new beginning:
  - Be consistent
  - Ensure quick wins
  - Make new identity visible
  - Celebrate the new beginning



*Adapted from: Bridges, W. et al (2017) and Weld, S. (2017)*

*People's Needs Defining Change – Health Services Change Guide (2018: 20)*

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# Panel Discussion

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